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PURSUING UNFAIR METHODS

Complaint Against Conduct of the Standard Oil Company at Des Moines.

WOULD HAVE TRADE SET ASIDE. Swap of Hotel Property for Texas Land Unsatisfactory to Brown.

SAVING IN GENERAL SUPPORT FUND. Seek Pardon for Mark Hallinan, Who Being Sentenced to Prison for Six Years Never Served His Time.

DESS MOINES, July 21.—(Special Telegram.)—Attorney F. S. Dunshie left tonight for Washington, where he will present the evidence which he has secured in Des Moines in regard to the conduct of the Standard Oil business in this city, before the industrial commission now in session.

The commission is investigating the methods pursued in doing business by the large trusts in the country. Mr. Dunshie aims to have evidence to the effect that the Standard Oil company has been pursuing very unfair methods in the disposal of lighting and heating oils in Des Moines.

The report of the Board of Control, coming this morning, shows the total balance of the general support fund on hand June 30 to be \$115,562.91. The per capita annual allowance of the inmates of the institutions was reduced \$2 at the time the Board of Control began work. This has saved the city this year a sum of \$20,000. This added to the \$115,562.91 on hand makes over \$135,562.91 to the credit of the state this year.

The reports of the old system of management have no such figures to show. Judge Walter J. Hayes of Clinton is in Des Moines trying to secure a pardon for Mark Hallinan, who was convicted of manslaughter in Clinton county in 1890 and sentenced to six years in the penitentiary.

At the time of his trial the case attracted considerable attention because of the fact that during the spring campaign of 1890 there were two factions in the First ward, which became bitter enemies. The Hallinan boys and one Liden were the leaders of one faction and the Rowman boys were the leaders of the other.

The two factions came together in a saloon owned by a man by the name of McNealey. They met about midnight and a fierce fight ensued, but order was finally restored. Later in the night the trouble broke out anew and it is alleged that James Hallinan shot a killing in the Rowman boys and seriously wounded another. He escaped that night across the river and has never been seen since. Mark Hallinan was arrested on the charge of manslaughter, it being claimed that James Hallinan shot the killing.

Invitations to Democratic Banquet. Invitations to the banquet and formal opening of the Jeffersonian club were sent out yesterday by the committee. The rank and file of the local democracy who have not been permitted to enter the sacred portals of the club are anxious to have organized in the special interest of Brooks Reed's candidacy for the office of county treasurer point to the significant fact that no invitations have been sent to leading bourgeois throughout the county.

Lowest prices, easy terms. The best and largest stock of pianos, Swanson Music company, Masonic Temple. Invitations to Democratic Banquet.

Scientific optician, Wollman, 409 Broadway. No New Developments in Lane Case. R. M. Robertson, auditor of the Milwaukee railway, returned to Chicago last evening. Before leaving he said there were no new developments in the Lane affair and that as far as he had been advised no settlement of the shortage had been made. He said he expected the appointment of an agent to succeed Lane would be made in a few days.

Mr. Robertson will return in time for the preliminary hearing before Justice Ferrer next Tuesday morning. It was reported yesterday that L. H. Greer of Rock Island, Ill., had been slated for the vacancy caused by Mr. Lane's retirement, but no confirmation of the rumor could be secured.

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Clothing clearing sale, Metcalf's. Racing Results. The matinee race track at the Roadster club, postponed from last week, was pulled off yesterday afternoon. The attendance was discouraging to the members of the club and the meeting in consequence fell somewhat flat. The results were as follows: Class C, pace, one-half mile: Miss Deal, b. f. (V. L. Brown)..... 3 1 1

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New line just arrived, ladies' belts, belt buckles and shell combs. Asks for Reduction of Assessments. DES MOINES, July 21.—General Solicitor Cole of the American Telephone company appeared before the state executive council today, asking a reduction of the company's assessment in Iowa. It now owns long-distance lines to Omaha, and he said it will next year build from Davenport to St. Paul, from Des Moines to Minneapolis and from Council Bluffs to Kansas City, connecting with other important western cities. It also intends to extend the main line from the Missouri river to the Pacific coast.

Record Weather at Dubuque. DUBUQUE, Ia., July 21.—This was the hottest day of the season. The temperature rose from 88 at 6 a. m. to 94 at 4 p. m. Business was almost at a standstill, outdoor work being suspended. There were several prostrations, but none were serious.

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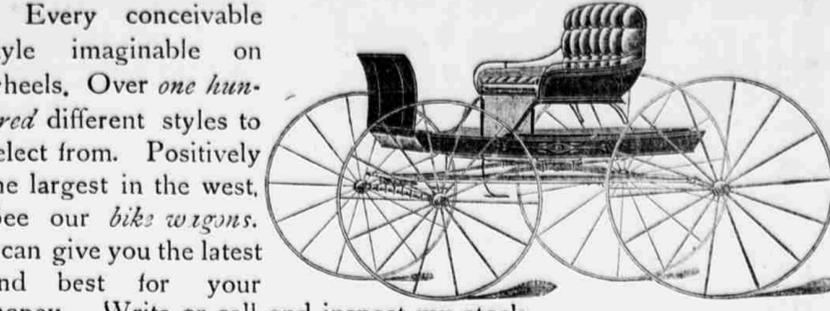
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"No," wearing the receiver is not annoying, and telephoning doesn't affect the hearing, at least it never affected mine. I have known some girls whom it made deaf. Sometimes it makes your ear sore to wear it. They are training some girls now to wear the receiver on the right ear, so that they can use that ear in receiving. I don't believe I could hear except with my left ear, and I am used to wearing it on that side. That is most convenient, too. You always see people use the other kind of a receiver with the left hand, and put it to the left ear. Then you have the right hand free to write and the wire is not in the ear."

"To be a first-class operator a girl ought to be calm and self-possessed, one of the kind who never gets rattled or loses her head. It is a strain when you have fifty wires to attend to, with people talking on all of them at once, some of them complaining that they don't get the people they want, while you are shutting off this one and putting on someone else."

"These business men are pretty apt to be cranky. They are nervous and in a hurry and they don't see why they can't get the man they want to speak to first thing. They don't understand how things are. They don't realize that Central has forty-nine other wires and can't give them her undivided attention. Some girls will tell you that they are a great deal of a cranky, and say, 'Number, please,' amiably

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